

Hutt Radio

106.1 FM

"putting the local back into radio"

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Application for Non-commercial Radio Frequency

2015 (D-0631403)

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HUTT COMMUNITY RADIO AND AUDIO ARCHIVES CHARITABLE TRUST INC.

Evidence of community support

Letters of support have been received from the following organisations and individuals, along with the reasons for their support and key messages highlighted.

1. Civic and political leaders

- **Ray Wallace (Mayor, Lower Hutt)** – for connecting the community by reporting on and promoting the local news and culture of the unique valley community.

“This station is a very valuable and essential part of our community... The loss of Hutt Radio as a full power FM station would represent a significant loss to the Hutt Valley”

- **Wayne Guppy (Mayor, Upper Hutt)** – for providing a connection to the community

“Having a radio station that has a local focus and presence is very important for the Hutt Valley communities.”

- **The Hon. Trevor Mallard (MP)** – for providing a strong local voice of issues important to the valley, and for providing an important avenue for community contact

“Hutt Community Radio provides a strong local voice on issues important to Hutt Valley residents.”

- **Chris Bishop (MP)** – for providing a voice to the valley and engaging listeners in conversations around issues facing the local area.

“The station particularly – and uniquely – provides a forum for older listeners, and is an important part of keeping this demographic engaged with their local community.”

- **Chris Laidlaw (Chair, Greater Wellington)** – for playing a valuable role in keeping people in its area of focus up to date with news and perspectives that directly affect their lives.

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2. Music and the arts

- **Brenda Smith (Publicity Officer, Hutt Valley Orchestra)** – for promotion of concerts and orchestral workshops in the community diary and through David Balm’s regular roundup of arts in the valley.

“Hutt Radio has been very supportive to the Hutt Valley Orchestra for a number of years, helping us to promote the four concerts and one workshop that we have each year.”

- **Emily Richards (President, Hutt City Brass)** – for the support it offers to local community groups such as Hutt City Brass by promoting concerts and supporting the performing arts in the valley.

“Hutt Radio is very supportive of performing arts throughout the Hutt Valley, and continues to provide an invaluable service in terms of publicity for our band concerts, particularly our free community concert series at St James’ Church.”

- **David Balm, (President, Hutt Art Society)** – for the opportunity to reach out to the community with details of arts activities and events in the valley.

“I have a great admiration for the dedication of the group of volunteers who believe in the concept of local radio and are prepared to support this belief with the gift of their time.”

3. Community organisations

- **Suzanne Brown (Chairperson, Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt)** – for being an important voice in the local community bringing local news and information to the people of Lower Hutt.

“Hutt Radio is an important voice in our local community bringing local news and information to the people of Lower Hutt... This licence application is particularly relevant at this time as CAB Lower Hutt has been invited by Hutt City Council to establish an outreach service at the new Walter Nash Centre in Taita. We are excited by this opportunity, and we have been working with Hutt Radio [on] plans for ongoing broadcasts to promote our services at this new community hub”.

- **Jenny Thompson (President, Hutt Valley Horticultural Society)** – for being a station of the people and for the people by offering easy listening and interviews in a timely manner on subjects relevant to the local community.

“It has enabled us to provide local gardeners with advice and encouragement to garden particularly to grow food for the family which is something we feel strongly about.”

- **Mrs Kura Edward (Session Clerk, St. Davids Multi-Cultural Parish)** – for supporting the parish activities and making announcements when major activities are planned.

“We have found Hutt Radio to be a blessing when making announcements and sometimes going on air when we have some major activities.”

A wide range of community groups supported the original licence application five years ago, and can reasonably be assumed to continue to support it today:

- Belmont Ratepayers Improvement Association
- Breaker Bay Records, Pukerua Bay
- Cosmic Cowboys Line Dance Club, Porirua
- DiBro NZ Mfg Ltd, Petone
- Easy Listening Records Shop, Alicetown
- Heretaunga Players, Upper Hutt
- Blue Smoke Music Company, Belmont
- Hutt Valley Darts Association, Naenae
- Jayrem Records, Petone
- Jollywood Productions, Wingate
- Lower Hutt Forest & Bird
- Lower Hutt Senior Friendship Club
- Madness Music, Wellington
- Manor Park Private Hospital
- Rockin' To The Beat, NZ Dance Publishers, Lower Hutt
- New Zealand Special Olympics
- PAF, Recording Studio & Manufacture, Papakowhai
- Petone Bowling Club
- Piano City, Wellington
- Woburn Bowling Club
- Stokes Valley Bowling Club
- Taita Community Trust
- Te Omanga Hospice, Woburn
- The Opry, The Belmont Flat
- Upper Hutt Art Society
- Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club
- Upper Hutt Musical Theatre
- Upper Hutt United Rock & Roll Club
- Wainuiomata Historical Museum Society
- Wainuiomata RSA
- Wesleyhaven Village, Naenae
- Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society, Lower Hutt
- Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Lower Hutt
- Capital Blues Incorporated, Wellington
- Park Avenue Bowling Club, Naenae
- Drum City, Cuba Street
- Friends of Belmont Regional Park
- Hutt Bowling Club, Lower Hutt
- Hutt Valley Concert Orchestra, Lower Hutt
- Hutt Valley Junior Soccer, Lower Hutt
- Jazz Preservation Society, Lower Hutt
- Lo Cost Records, Petone
- Lower Hutt Historical Society
- Lower Hutt Women's Bowling Club
- Mainly Acoustic Music Club, Upper Hutt
- MaoriMusic.com, Petone
- New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters, Upper Hutt
- Olympic Hotel, Naenae
- Cosmic Cowboys Line Dance Club, Upper Hutt Branch
- Petone Horticultural Society
- Naenae RSA
- Silverstream Railway Museum
- Stokes Valley Memorial RSA
- Taita RSA
- The Beat, NZ Line Dance Publishers
- Town & Country Radio Club, Lower Hutt
- Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Brass Band
- Upper Hutt Country Music Club
- Upper Hutt RSA
- Wainuiomata Garden Club
- Wainuiomata Indoor Bowls
- Wellington Country & Western Club, Petone
- Widowed & Friends, Petone

4. Our own volunteers

- **Ian Church (Broadcaster)** – for the great service being provided.

"I have just moved here to windy Wellington after working for the Australian Broadcast Corporation in WA, and I was amazed with the quality service they are running from such a small station."

- **Mike Dee (presenter)** – for doing what radio used to do and for giving it back to the community.

"Hutt Radio truly puts the "local" back into radio - to an audience virtually ignored by the Auckland stations. What Hutt Radio is doing is not new. It's not even original. What we are doing was actually the norm for decades."

- **Trev James (presenter)** – for being an important part of the Hutt Valley community fabric

"Hutt Radio is vital, not only to Lower Hutt but to the Hutt Valley and to Wellington as a whole, with its ability to talk to people from all walks of life, promote events and to be there to partake in what is happening around our region, including local sport, which in my view is a huge part of the Hutt Valley community"

- **John MacDonald (presenter)** – for providing opportunities for personal development while informing and educating the community

"The Valley Views Show enables in-depth interviews with people and on stories of interest to the Hutt Valley. I have built up an interview contact list of over 360 people, covering a wide range of areas - local politics, community organisations, sports clubs, the performing, fine and creative arts, business leaders, environmental sustainability campaigners, student achievers, health and public welfare etc...."

- **Ginny Brewer (Administration Manager & presenter)** – for the opportunities it is giving to people who want to contribute to their community but are unable to do so through the paid workforce.

"It is wonderful to feel a valued member of a team once again, with a purpose in life as well as contributing to the community. It gives me such a lift when someone says they heard me on the radio."

- **Gregory Smedley (presenter)** – for the wide variety of programmes tailored to the local community and for the opportunity to present a jazz music programme.

"The loss of Hutt Radio will weaken our community because it would take away a avenue for people who would not have a way of informing their community of what is going on."

- **Imogen Barwick (producer)** – for providing valuable information on local content and to allow listeners to hear about what is going on in their own community.

“I believe that Hutt Radio is a valuable asset to the local community through its support of local people, groups, and businesses.”

- **Rex Widerstrom (General Manager)** – the station is professional and produces a high quality of unique programming which satisfies the needs of an underserved audience.

“I am convinced that Mr Scott and I, with the support of the other Trustees Mike Dee and Trevor James, and the existing and new volunteers, can take a nascent operation that’s already good enough and make it significantly better.”

- **James Scott (Trust Chair / Studio Operations Manager)** – the station provides an opportunity for many valley residents to find a way in which they can contribute to the community and feel valued in their lives.

“The station is becoming a key part of the community fabric of the Hutt Valley and has a vital role to play in connection different community groups and providing a channel for communications that is accessible to everyone wherever they are in the valley.”

5. Ethnic groups

- **Fono Mafiti (presenter)** – for provide a facility to broadcast to the Samoan community

“I’m running a Samoan Program for our community for five years, and our people are so proud to have this station (Hutt Radio) to listen to, not only to provide our local update news, community notices, and also, our live news from Samoa.”

- **Hinarere Mii Tupangaia (President, Hutt Valley Cook Islands Association)** – for providing a means for the Association to communicate with their people.

“We find that Hutt Radio is a great means of communicating to our people, especially our older members through notices, programs and news.”

6. Hutt Valley business

- **Mark Futter (CEO, Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce)** – operating a station of significant interest to its members both through the Valley and across the wider Wellington region.

“The service provided by Hutt Radio to the many businesses and community entities has both strong commercial and recreational value to our stakeholders, with your station playing a measurable part in the cultural and economic fabric of our Hutt Valley.”

7. Our listeners

- **Dr Laurence Fisher (Capital Dental)** – operating a station that broadcasts local content that informs and entertains.

“I know that many of our clients are avid listeners, and I believe its value to the community cannot be underestimated.”

- **Lynne St Clair-Chapman (supporter)** – for giving a voice to the people of the Hutt Valley and keeping them abreast of local issues

“I believe that Hutt Radio is a valuable asset to the local community, providing an opportunity for individuals and organisations to encourage community involvement, pride, spirit and awareness.”

- **Angus Gibb (supporter)** – for fulfilling the need of Hutt Valley residents to have their own station just like Wellington has Access Radio.

“... to continue with their community broadcasts; which they have worked very hard for, since they started broadcasting over 5 years ago & which fulfil our need for mainly Hutt Valley residents etc. (Wellington already has a Community Radio called Access Radio.)”

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HUTT VALLEY

Business Vitality

11 December 2015

The Chairman
Hutt Radio
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Email: [S9\(2\)\(a\)](mailto:S9(2)(a)@hutt-chamber.org.nz)

Attention: Mr James Scott

Dear Mr Scott

RE: Letter of support for the application of Hutt Radio Broadcast Licence

We note with interest your application to the Ministry of Culture and Heritage for the renewal of your Broadcast Licence. The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce and Industry considers this of significant interest to its members both through the Valley and across the wider Wellington region.

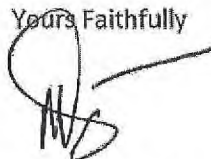
The service provided by Hutt Radio to the many businesses and community entities has both strong commercial and recreational value to our stakeholders, with your station playing a measurable part in the cultural and economic fabric of our Hutt Valley.

The contributions of Hutt Radio are considerable and valuable, we as a result fully support the application you are making on behalf of Hutt Radio, Business, Industry and community to continue providing your range of services and enabling a well-informed community to continue to prosper towards an informed future.

We provide you with our complete support and endorsement with your application to the Ministry.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to communicate directly with the writer.

Yours Faithfully



Mark Fütter JP
Chief Executive
Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.

Ministry of Culture and Heritage
PO Box 5364
WELLINGTON
Attention: Rick Julian

Hutt Radio – Application for Renewal of Broadcast Licence

I wish to record my support for Hutt Radio and its application for the renewal of the broadcast licence for 106.1FM.

I became involved with Hutt Radio initially as an opportunity to remain involved with audio production after completing a series of course in sound engineering and recording at the New Zealand School of Music. The skills and knowledge I have saw me involved in the station's recording facilities, and I was subsequently asked to operate the studio panel for the flagship Saturday morning Valley Views programme.

My interest in and support of the station led to my being asked to become a trustee following a resignation. I quickly found that the trust did not have effective leadership and was having difficulty in meeting its obligations under the licence conditions and as a registered Charity, so I offered to assume the role of chair which had been vacant.

I believed that we needed to find a suitable person to take the role of General Manager to address a number of management and operational issues that were affecting the station. The most serious of these was the lack of a regular income. It took a little longer than I had hoped by earlier this year we identified Rex Widerstom as a suitable person with the skill and experience to deal with the problems affecting the station. Rex was willing to accept this role, and the challenges that go with it. He has already made a big difference, and has the full backing and confidence of the Trustees with the initiative he is undertaking.

I am aware that our current lack of finance is putting pressure on all of the volunteer staff at the station, and making it difficult for them to perform and for the station to broadcast programmes to the quality that we would like. This is a key issue to tackle, with moves already in foot to increase our revenue form advertising, sponsorships and other sources such as grants.

The station is becoming a key part of the community fabric of the Hutt Valley and has a vital role to play in connection different community groups and providing a channel for communications that is accessible to everyone wherever they are in the valley. This will be vitally important when an emergency event occurs such as with flooding or an earthquake and a strong valley based source of information is desperately required.

The station also provides an opportunity for many valley residents to find a way in which they can contribute to the community and feel valued in their lives. This is an important part of our approach and once we have the funds we can expand this role by providing more resources to our volunteers.

Sincerely

James Scott
Trust Chair

Hutt Radio

106.1 FM

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Ministry of Culture and Heritage
PO Box 5364
WELLINGTON

Attention: Rick Julian

Dear Mr Julian:

Application for a non-commercial radio frequency 2015 (D-0631403) (106.1MHz Wellington)

Since July 2015 I have been General Manager of Hutt Radio, a position which did not exist for most of the five years prior. Initially I had agreed to assist by devoting a few hours each month to producing and presenting an episode of "Valley Views", the station's long-running weekly current affairs programme; I viewed the offer from the Trust to head the organisation with mixed feelings: I've always enjoyed a challenge (when I arrived at Counties Radio in South Auckland in the late 80s, it's AM mast had been guy-wired in place at an angle of around 110°) and love radio, but it was immediately apparent from the state of the premises and some of the equipment that this was an organisation that had "muddled through" for some time.

As someone with around 30 years media experience, if I'd wanted a job in radio I could probably have found one – I certainly didn't *need* Hutt Radio.

What I observed six months ago was that no one had taken responsibility for revenue and, with each department manager reporting directly to the Trust (and in some cases, sitting as a member of the Trust), no one had been inclined to accept that responsibility.

Nonetheless, great things had been achieved with very little. A consistent and, for the most part, professional and cohesive presentation contained a great deal of community information and content that was not available anywhere else. The small team of volunteers continued to work tirelessly not only to maintain their output but to improve it, and the equipment was up to the task – there just wasn't enough of it. But what finally decided the matter was meeting and speaking with the Trust Chair James Scott, also a relatively recent appointee.

I am convinced that Mr Scott and I, with the support of the other Trustees Mike Dee and Trevor James, and the existing and new volunteers, can take a nascent operation that's already good enough and make it significantly better.

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I've employed people for most of the past 20 years; I've owned my own business almost continuously since 1999; I can read a Balance Sheet and I can see that Hutt Radio – for all its strengths in programming and personnel – cannot be sustained financially if nothing changes. I'm sure that you and the other members of the committee can see that too.

I assure you I know what needs to be done. We've already engaged a professional fundraising consultant. She's compiling the information needed to apply for a range of approximately 25 grants for which she believes we are eligible. That is not to imply, of course, that we would be successful with them all. But I believe we will succeed with enough.

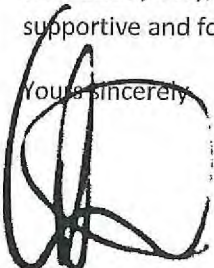
I've begun the process of hiring sales staff and a Sales Manager – roles that were vacant and had been for some considerable time when I took over. Two appointees are about to start. I have interviewed several promising candidates for the Sales Manager role and am close to deciding on an appointment. My discussions with the CEO of the Hutt Chamber of Commerce and with business people and civic leaders all suggest there is a strong unmet demand for advertising on the station. That was reinforced recently when Bartercard approached Hutt Radio to work alongside NZME, replacing Mediaworks as one of the two providers of radio advertising to Wellington region Bartercard members. They were not able to offer only one option, they said, because demand was too high.

I'm not new to community broadcasting, or to the financial issues that beset it. But I also know how to fix them. When Counties Radio became unable to pay its staff I agreed to work for food and lodging on the condition I ran its programming and operations. When I left, it was because the owners had accepted a generous buy-out offer. I arrived at Channel 31 Community Television in Perth to find it in close to the same position, with a high-value advertising contract being one for \$3,000. As Executive Producer I created content that brought in multiple sponsorships of \$10,000 each, per series, as well as greatly expanding the capacity to sell spot ads due to the subject matter. My own community stations were so successful, both Radio NZ and Radio Windy objected to the licence renewal to preserve their revenues and audience base.

In short, I know whereof I speak. Hutt Radio is a fundamentally sound operation providing a high standard of unique programming to an underserved audience. It has issues – but then so does Mediaworks and so do most media companies as the technological landscape changes – but none that can't be fixed.

It is already very, very good. I'm asking for the opportunity to make it great, with the backing of a supportive and forward-thinking Trust and a talented and dedicated team of volunteers.

Yours sincerely



Rex Widerstrom
General Manager

2 November 2015

Hutt Radio
53 Treadwell Street
Naenae
LOWER HUTT

To Whom it Concerns,

I would like to add my support for Hutt Radio and the continuation of this Station's transmission on 106.1FM.

The Hutt Valley is a very unique community, and it is vital that our local news and culture is reported by and reflected in the media. I view it as essential that this is done at a local level; I am of the firm belief that this cannot be replicated by a larger, more removed broadcaster.

As well as what it does for the wider Hutt valley in reporting and recording our stories. This organisation has also created a community of volunteers who support this Lower Hutt institution and through this involvement their own lives are enriched.

This station is a very valuable and essential part of our community. Unfortunately as a nation, there is a steady decline of independent broadcasters and media, once lost this is very difficult to bring back.

Hutt Radio connects our community. The loss of Hutt Radio as a full power FM station would represent a significant loss to the Hutt Valley.

Yours sincerely,



Ray Wallace

Mayor-Lower Hutt





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF UPPER HUTT

9 December 2015

Ministry of Culture and Heritage

To Whom It May Concern

Letter of Support

I am writing in support of the application by Hutt Radio for the renewal of their broadcast licence.

Having a radio station that has a local focus and presence is very important for the Hutt Valley communities. As the Mayor of Upper Hutt I have been interviewed many times enabling me to get connect to our local community and deliver key messages and news items to them.

I always receive feedback from locals who hear me on the radio so I know that the station receives good local support. This is also confirmed by the people who take the time to be interviewed and gives the ability for real local news and stories to be distributed in a way that cannot happen with mainstream stations.

I firmly believe that the Hutt Radio station provides a service that is much needed and would leave a large gap in reaching local people if it were to not continue. I hope you renew their licence to enable their great work to continue.

I am happy to be contacted on [S9\(2\)\(a\)](#) if you require any further comments.

Yours sincerely

WAYNE GUPPY
Mayor

11 November 2015

Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the application by Hutt Community Radio for the renewal of their Broadcasting Licence.

Hutt Community Radio provides a strong local voice on issues important to Hutt Valley residents. As the Member of Parliament for Hutt South, I have been a guest on their current affairs programme a number of times to give my perspective on the issues of the day. Their station has played an important part of my community contact, helping me to connect with an otherwise untapped audience.

As we see traditional media outlets reformatted and as a result the number of local reporters decline, Hutt Community Radio and their hyper-localised content become more important than ever.

I appreciate your consideration of this application.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Trevor Mallard
MP for Hutt South



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Rex Widerstrom, General Manager
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10 November 2015

Dear Mr Widerstrom,

Letter of Support: Hutt Radio 106.1FM

I write in support of Hutt Radio 106.1FM's continuation of transmissions its current 106.1FM frequency.

Hutt Radio 106.1FM is an important part of the Hutt Valley community. It provides a voice for the Hutt Valley, and engages listeners in conversation about issues facing the local area. The station particularly – and uniquely – provides a forum for older listeners, and is an important part of keeping this demographic engaged with their local community.

The station is staffed almost entirely by volunteers and provides essential services (such as civil defence alerts) along with entertainment, news, current affairs, business news and more. It also has an important role unearthing Hutt Valley history; one of its few full-time staff is employed as the Archivist. Their 'museum' programming is an crucial part of what makes this station unique and important to the Hutt Valley. No other broadcaster does these things, nor is likely to.

Furthermore, the station has impressive plans for the future and will become an even greater part of the community if they are granted improved access to funding.

If Hutt Radio 106.1FM were to lose its status as a full-power FM station, it would represent a significant loss to the Hutt Valley community.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Bishop MP

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Dear Sir

Letter of Support

I am writing in support of the renewal of Hutt Community Radio's licence.

Hutt Community Radio performs a valuable role in keeping people in its area of focus up to date with news and perspectives that directly affect their lives. The regional council has been regularly asked for background on its activities and programmes in the broader Hutt area and our experience of the station has been very positive in this context. Its handling of often complex information has invariably been objective and informative and its presenters well prepared and professional.

Yours sincerely

Chris Laidlaw
Chair





11 November 2015

Ministry for Culture and Heritage
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Hutt Radio Application for Broadcasting Licence

Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt is pleased to support Hutt Radio 106.1FM's application for renewal of its broadcasting licence.

This station broadcasts to the Hutt Valley community, which we also serve, and enhances the information and communication available to our people.

Hutt Radio is an important voice in our local community bringing local news and information to the people of Lower Hutt. Over the years CAB Lower Hutt has taken up opportunities to raise the awareness of our services through interviews on Hutt Radio. This helps to fulfil our prime aim to ensure that people do not suffer through ignorance of their rights and responsibilities or of the services available; or through an inability to express their needs effectively.

This licence application is particularly relevant at this time as CAB Lower Hutt has been invited by Hutt City Council to establish an outreach service at the new Walter Nash Centre in Taita. We are excited by this opportunity, and we have been working with Hutt Radio to publicise this venture. We have plans for ongoing broadcasts to promote our services at this new community hub.

CAB Lower Hutt also has responsibilities for new migrant support services and we see Hutt Radio as an important communications vehicle for reaching new settlers.

It would be detrimental to CAB Lower Hutt, and the community, if Hutt Radio was no longer able to be an important voice in the local community as it has in the past.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Brown
Chairperson
Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt

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huttvalley orchestra

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HUTT RADIO

Hutt Radio has been very supportive to the Hutt Valley Orchestra for a number of years, helping us to promote the four concerts and one workshop that we have each year. We are a community orchestra with limited funds and using this free medium is a great help for our advertising.

Hutt Radio promotes our events on their Community News and in their Weekly Arts Diary Round Up prepared by David Balm of the Hutt Valley Arts Society. They will also interview orchestra members to advertise special events.

We strongly support Hutt Radio .

Sincerely,

Brenda Smith

Publicity Officer for Hutt Valley Orchestra

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Hutt City Brass
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To whom it may concern

Hutt City Brass would like to record its support for Hutt Radio as a valuable part of the local performing arts community.

Hutt City Brass is a community group, and relies on local organisations such as Hutt Radio to help promote our concerts. Hutt Radio is very supportive of performing arts throughout the Hutt Valley, and continues to provide an invaluable service in terms of publicity for our band concerts, particularly our free community concert series at St James' Church. These concerts are very well attended, due in part to the exposure we get from Hutt Radio.

The station also provides an opportunity for people who cannot get to the concerts to hear pieces performed by the band, and the publicity raises awareness of the band and the support it receives from Hutt City Council. It also potentially attracts new recruits to the band.

We strongly support any applications made by Hutt Radio to ensure it can continue to promote and support local performing arts groups in the Hutt Valley.

Yours sincerely

Emily Richards

Emily Richards
President, Hutt City Brass

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To whom it may concern

I have had an association with Hutt Radio for a number of years. I have a great admiration for the dedication of the group of volunteers who believe in the concept of local radio and are prepared to support this belief with the gift of their time.

Recently I have been impressed with their efforts to increase their 'sound footprint' through improvements to their aerials and signal strength.

Even more recently I applaud their efforts to improve their organisational efficiency by making necessary changes to their governance structures.

These people are running their operation on a shoe-string budget and deserve all the help we can give them.

Regards

David Balm
President
Hutt Art Society

General Manager,

Hutt Radio.

12.11.15

Dear Sir,

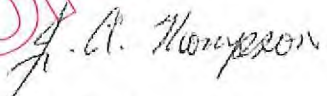
Hutt Radio is in my assessment a station that is of the people for the people. It is easy listening offering interviews in a timely manner on subjects relevant to the local community. It also supports organisations such as the Hutt Valley Horticultural Society.

Hutt Radio through regular interviews/discussions on all things horticultural has given us the opportunity to reach a much wider audience than we could ever reach ourselves.

Through this involvement we have not only increased awareness of our organisation but also of our affiliated groups. It has enabled us to provide local gardeners with advice and encouragement to garden particularly to grow food for the family which is something we feel strongly about.

Hutt Radio is a station that is of benefit to the community we hope that it will be able to continue its work for many years to come.

Jenny Thompson



President

Hutt Valley Horticultural Society.

Hutt Valley Cook Islands Association

7/11/15.

Kia Orana,

This is a letter in support of Hutt Radio's application to re-new/extend their licence.

We find that Hutt Radio is a great means of communicating to our people, especially our older members through notices, programs and news.

We wish Hutt Radio all the best and extend our gratitude to them.

Kia Manuia.

Hinarere Mii Tupangaia

President.

Tereapii Russell

Treasurer

M. Russell

for the President,

St Davids Multi-Cultural Parish.

Petone.

8 November 2015

Greetings.

This letter is to support Hutt Radio in their application to extend their broadcast licence.

We have found Hutt Radio to be a blessing when making announcements and sometimes going on air when we have some major activities.

We wish Hutt Radio all the best, and hope that they are successful.

God Bless


Mrs Kura Edward
Session Clerk

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Hutt radio

Subject: Hutt radio

From: Ian Church S9(2)(a) ian@hutt.com.au

Date: 7/12/2015 10:39 a.m.

To: S9(2)(a)

Hello,

I am just writing in support of my local station. Hutt Radio 106.1.

I have just moved here to windy Wellington after working for the Australian Broadcast Corporation in WA, and I was amazed with the quality service they are running from such a small station. Some injected funds to assist Hutt Radio would be not only great for the station, but the whole community, and surrounding areas.

Many thanks Ian Church

Sent from my iPad

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Mike Dee
S9(2)(a)

10 December 2015

To Whom It May Concern

I have been involved in Wellington Radio since 1974 and professional since 1975.

I have lived through the Commercial Radio "happy time", with announcers always feeling they were connecting with the community – which they were. I was lucky enough to go through the ranks and rise in 1981 to Programme Director of, eventually, two Commercial stations in Wellington and realised the value of keeping it "local". Local presenters were "stars".

I was there when de-regulation started the asset stripping as stations were, one by one, bought up. On the way, many contemporaries left the profession or were "let go" until we had the current situation where seemingly 9/10ths of programmes are on networks from Auckland.

In the 1970s, the region had three "mainstream" stations broadcasting local Breakfast shows. We now have one. This is progress?

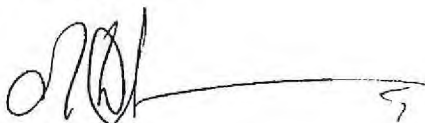
The one remaining station with a local Breakfast Show is further reducing its local hours to just 8 per weekday early next year – despite their management maintaining, long and loud, how they are "local".

The Access model works extremely well at what it is – niche radio for a wide range of groups in a serial format. Hutt Radio is a true "Community" format, with all manner of information being broadcast in a broad "parallel" format. Still with 36© elements for a majority of the time. It is worth noting that a similar format is highly successful in Australia and the UK. These stations are also run as non-profits, with some having no, or very low, fees like ours. As such we are complimentary to Access as we are not restricted by their strict mandates

I feel I am 'giving back' after a successful and rewarding career. Our volunteers are similarly inclined.

Hutt Radio truly puts the "local" back into radio - to an audience virtually ignored by the Auckland stations. What Hutt Radio is doing is not new. It's not even original. What we are doing was actually the norm for decades.

I implore you to allow us to continue to develop and grow what most actually consider a valuable Community asset.



9th December 2015

To whom it may concern

I have been working in Wellington radio for the past 35 years and I'm very concerned that Hutt Radio, currently on 106.1FM could be in danger of losing that frequency

I've always been a big fan of "Local Radio" as opposed to networking from Auckland and by removing Hutt Radio, it takes away the local flavour that many people crave for

I've been a volunteer at Hutt Radio since 2010 and I've seen first-hand, the difference the station has made to the Hutt Valley community. I was born and bred in Lower Hutt and my goal has always been to work on a Lower Hutt radio station, promoting the city I know and love and to have that taken away would be devastating

Hutt Radio is vital, not only to Lower Hutt but to the Hutt Valley and to Wellington as a whole, with its ability to talk to people from all walks of life, promote events and to be there to partake in what is happening around our region, including local sport, which in my view is a huge part of the Hutt Valley community

I urge you as a long time broadcaster in Wellington, to keep local radio alive and allow Hutt Radio to continue broadcasting on 106.1FM

Regards

Trevor (Trev) James.

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Letter in Support of Hutt Radio License Re-application

7th December 2015

I am the Executive Producer of the Valley Views Show. This is the Saturday morning current events show which has been in existence since the early days of Hutt Radio. I first approached Hutt Radio in 2010 and greatly appreciated the opportunity given to start a weekly gardening show. With Hutt Radio's encouragement I developed live on-air interviewing skills and joined the Valley Views team, firstly as a web editor then as a host. This greatly fuelled my interest in radio broadcasting which led to me completing a radio journalism course, being awarded the Fairfax Reporting Award and working for Wellington's Access Radio and Newstalk ZB. I kept volunteering with Hutt Radio throughout.

Hutt Radio provides me an opportunity to cover local community stories in a way that I did not get from the other stations. The Valley Views Show enables in-depth interviews with people and on stories of interest to the Hutt Valley. I have built up an interview contact list of over 360 people, covering a wide range of areas - local politics, community organisations, sports clubs, the performing, fine and creative arts, business leaders, environmental sustainability campaigners, student achievers, health and public welfare etc.... Without Hutt Radio I would never have had the opportunity to meet and broadcast hundreds of stories with such people, from the Hutt's 100-year-old resident right through to a local pet masseur!

My time as a volunteer is in great contrast to my day job as an IT professional. I am a strong supporter of volunteers and am grateful that I am in a position to be able to volunteer my time and that Hutt Radio has always been supportive of my work.

I have also benefited in working with a younger generation of broadcasters who are keen to enter the industry. This gives me an insight into a different generation. The Valley Views show has a pool of new producers who are working with me in learning the necessary technical radio/internet and personal skills. It is good to see radio interns from Whitireia Polytechnic at Hutt Radio and to see them join the Valley Views team.

Guests are always appreciative that there is an outlet for Hutt stories and I always am pleased when I can bring their voices to the airwaves and in web podcasts. I get a huge sense of satisfaction when previous guests contact me wanting an outlet for their local stories.

Losing a Hutt Radio voice would be a great loss to our community and to the personal development and returns I get as a volunteer.

Regards,

John MacDonald

Hutt Radio

106.1 FM

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Hutt Radio has been a lifesaver to me. Due to my disabilities as a result of a stroke I was made redundant from my paid employment and spent two years becoming more and more isolated and unwanted.

By chance I heard about Hutt Radio soon after they started broadcasting and offered my services as a volunteer, initially as a presenter and then as Office Manager. After five years I am still here and still enjoying it.

It is wonderful to feel a valued member of a team once again, with a purpose in life as well as contributing to the community. It gives me such a lift when someone says they heard me on the radio. I am so grateful for the opportunities that Hutt Radio has given me and hope they will continue to do so.



Ginny Brewer

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I would like to record my support for Hutt Radio and to request that the Ministry of Culture and Heritage renew the broadcast licence when it expires in 2016.

The loss of Hutt Radio will weaken our community because it would take away a avenue for people who would not have a way of informing their community of what is going on.

I support Hutt Radio because it is the only Community Radio in the Wellington area that has so many different programmes from music to different language to sports and gardening.

When I was asked to join Hutt Radio in 2009 I was asked if I would like to be a panel operator. But very soon I was asked if I would like to present a program. I was delighted I saw a need for an instrumental music as in most restaurants and a Jazz program. I have been doing this now for 6 years.

The Jazz Programme is for those that like Jazz as no other Radio Station in the Wellington area has such . I also centre it round people that are just coming in to the music world of Jazz as there is a need for this in the wider Community and to lose all this would be a great lost to the music world as I would not be able to promote artists involved in the music industry.

Mr. Gregory Smedley

Capital Dental

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11 November 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

I just wish to express our support of the local Hutt Radio station. I know that many of our clients are avid listeners, and I believe its value to the community cannot be underestimated.

It really does great work, and I hope that this will be able to continue.

All best wishes.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Laurence Fisher

Capital Dental

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10th November 2015

The Trustees
Hutt Community Radio
PO Box 35214
Naenae
Lower Hutt 5041

Letter of Support for Hutt Radio

I would like to record my support for Hutt Radio and to request that the Ministry of Culture and Heritage renew the broadcast licence when it expires in 2016. I support Hutt Radio because it provides valuable information on local content for listeners. Hutt Radio allows listeners to hear about what is going on in their community from people in their own community.

I believe that Hutt Radio is a valuable asset to the local community through its support of local people, groups, and businesses. Hutt Radio often promotes these groups of people by allowing them to share their successes and talk about products, services and events going on in the Hutt. The Hutt Radio interviews a whole range of different local people and groups and allow them to have a voice and speak up about what is going on in their community.

The loss of Hutt Radio will weaken our community because the community will be losing a valuable channel in which people can share information and hear about the important things happening in their community. The Hutt Radio allows people to share information on important issues, helps to celebrate those in the community who are achieving great things and lets listeners know about what is going on in the community. Its local content for local people and it is a true assets to the Hutt Valley.

Yours sincerely,
Imogen Barwick

The Trustees
Hutt Community Radio
PO Box 35-214
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Letter of Support for Hutt Radio

I would like to record my support for Hutt Radio and request the Ministry of Culture and Heritage to renew the broadcast licence when it expires in 2016.

I support Hutt Radio because it gives a voice to the people of the Hutt Valley and keeps them abreast of local issues. This is a very important service.

I believe that Hutt Radio is a valuable asset to the local community, providing an opportunity for individuals and organisations to encourage community involvement, pride, spirit and awareness.

The loss of Hutt Radio will impact on our community as a vital link will be broken in communication, especially for the elderly and housebound.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne

Lynne St.Clair-Chapman

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Tue 10th Nov 2015

Mr Angus Gibb

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OPEN LETTER

CC: To: Mr Simon Edwards
The Hutt News Editor
Fax = 5665-485 ← *Non-Existent now!*

To: The Chairman
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COMMUNITY FM RADIO 106.1 FM

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE = Applications for this Frequency, closing (11-12-15) & the Threat of Loss of this Frequency to Hutt Radio, if it becomes Allocated to (EQ) = The Ministry of Culture & Heritage instead, to be Transmitted on 106.1 Fm from Mt Kaukau Wellington:

REF: Community FM Radio Frequency Available
Public Notices P67
The Hutt News (Nov. 10th 2015)

This Letter is in Support of Hutt Radio 106.1 Fm =
to Hopefully Retain this Frequency; & to Continue with their
Community Broadcasts; which they have Worked Very Hard for, since
they started Broadcasting over 5 Yrs ago; & which Fulfill our Need
for mainly Hutt Valley Residents etc. (Wellington already has a
Community Radio called Access Radio.) Rather than Fight over the
106.1 Frequency; how about a Shared Radio Station Application
for a Win-Win Outcome? ↩

Yours Sincerely,
Angus Gibb.

Angus Gibb.

("JESUS IS LORD")

10 December 2015

To whom it may concern.

I am Fono Mafiti, a presenter for Hutt Radio. I'm running a Samoan Program for our community for five years, and our people are so proud to have this station (Hutt Radio) to listen to, not only to provide our local update news, community notices, and also, our live news from Samoa.

I did a research for our listeners the other night for 10 minutes to ring in, and there were almost 60 people rang in.

I am still passionate to provide this program for our people on this station the Hutt Radio.

Kind Regards

Fono. Mafiti (Samoan Presenter)

Hutt Radio.

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